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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 May 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-10, 12, 14-19, 32-35, 39, 40 and 44-53 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 32-35, 39, 40, 44, 45, 47, 49 and 51-53 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-10, 14-19, 46, 48 and 50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

1. Claims 8-10, 12, 14-19, 32-35, 39, 40 and 44-53 are pending.

Applicants' amendment filed on May 5, 2008 is acknowledged. Applicants' response has been fully considered. Claims 8, 12, 14, 19, 33, 44 and 46-49 have been amended, claims 11 and 13 have been cancelled, and a new claim 53 has been added. Thus, claims 8-10, 12, 14-19, 32-35, 39, 40 and 44-53 are examined.

Withdrawn Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The previous rejection of claims 8-19, 33-35, 40, 44-50 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, regarding A1 being a non-reversible N-substituent (paragraph 6 in the previous Office Action dated December 4, 2007), is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment to the claims, applicants' cancellation of the claims, and applicant's response at pages 19-20 of the amendment filed May 5, 2008.

3. The previous rejection of claims 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, (paragraph 7 in the previous Office Action dated December 4, 2007) , is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment to the claims, applicants' cancellation of the claims, and applicant's response at page 20 of the amendment filed May 5, 2008.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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4. Claims 8-10, 14-19, 46, 48 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

5. Claims 8-10, 14-19 and 50 are indefinite because the claim recites a method of synthesis of a cyclic peptide or peptidomimetic compound of General Formula I or General Formula II, however, the method steps of a)-d) only recite the preparation of peptides of general Formula I, but do not indicate how peptides of general Formula II having a cyclic peptide linked to a solid support are made. Thus, it is not clear how the final compounds of General Formula II are obtained. Claims 9-10, 14-19 and 50 are included in the rejection because they are dependent on rejected claims and do not correct the deficiency of the claim from which they depend.

6. Claim 46 is indefinite because the claim recites A2 is a ring contraction auxiliary compound indicated in the claim, however, A2 in claim 32 is defined as a covalently-bonded group of atoms comprising a reactive functionality to form an initial large cyclic peptide, thus A2 group is the group attached to the peptide, not the starting compound before reacting with the peptide. Claim 46 recites the limitation "said cyclic peptidomimetic" in the last line. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim (claim 32). The same type of rejection is also applied to claim 48.

Response to Arguments

Applicants indicate claims 46 and 48 have been amended to recite A2 is a ring contraction auxiliary compound indicated in the claim, the rejection should be withdrawn (page 21 of the response).

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Applicants' response has been considered, however, the arguments are not found persuasive because A2 is not a ring contraction auxiliary compound, but is generated from the reaction of a ring contraction auxiliary compound with the amino group on the peptide, please see claim 19. Thus, the rejection is maintained.

Conclusion

7. Claims 8-10, 14-19, 46, 48 and 50 are rejected. It appears claims 12, 32-35, 39, 40, 44, 45, 47, 49 and 51-53 are free of art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chih-Min Kam whose telephone number is (571) 272-0948. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00-4:30, Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathleen Bragdon can be reached at 571-272-0931. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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